



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Akito KURAMATA et al.

Serial No.: 09/313,764

Group Art Unit: 2823

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Examiner: W. Coleman

For: **OPTICAL SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN EPITAXIAL LAYER OF III-V COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIAL CONTAINING N AS A GROUP V ELEMENT**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 30, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2001 for two months from February 28, 2002 to April 30, 2002 (\$110.00 - 1 month paid March 28, 2002).

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$290.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

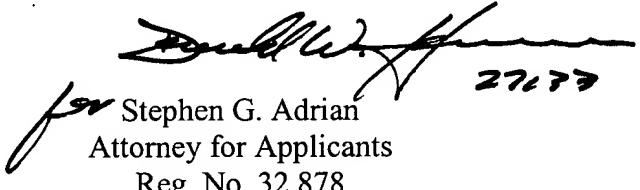
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